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Boston.

Sch. Richard, 8000 haddock, 16,000 cod.
Sch. Nettie Franklin, 6000 haddock, 10,000 cod.
Sch. Wm. A. Morse, 5000 haddock, 6000 cod.
Sch. Quartette, 8000 pollock.
Sch. Olivia Sears, 4000 cod.
Sch. Georgianna, 3000 cod.
Sch. Mary B. Green, 7000 haddock, 8000 cod, 1000 hake.
Sch. Arbitrator, 8000 haddock, 12,000 cod.
Sch. Eva Avina, 2000 cod.
Haddock, \$1.50 to \$1.75 per cwt.; large cod, \$1.75; market cod, \$1 to \$1.60; pollock, 60c to \$1.

Nova Scotia Fish Movements.

Digby—Lobsters fair; cod, haddock and herring scarce.
Yarmouth—Cod and lobsters plenty; haddock and halibut fair.
Port La Tour—Cod fair.
Sand Point—Cod and lobsters fair.
Liverpool—Alewives and cod plenty; haddock, herring and lobsters fair.
Lunenburg—Cod fair; lobsters scarce.
Musquodoboit—Lobsters fair; cod scarce.
Salmon River—Lobsters and trout fair.
Spry Bay—Lobsters fair.
Queensport—Cod, haddock, herring and lobsters fair.
Canso—Cod and lobsters fair.
Port Malcom—Lobsters fair.
Arichat—Haddock and lobsters fair.
Cheticamp—Herring plenty; lobsters fair.
Port Hood—Herring fair; lobsters scarce.
Magdalen Islands—Herring very plenty.

Crew of Seized Sealers in Jail.

The United States revenue cutter Rush arrived Tuesday from Sitka with the captain and crew of the Japanese sealing schooner Keisen, which was seized in Redoubt Bay on May 4, for cruising within the three mile limit. The alleged poachers were taken to the federal jail. The skins seized on the schooner will be held pending a jury's verdict. All the evidence against the Japanese is the testimony of a number of Indians, who told the authorities that they had discovered the Japanese schooner inside the fishing limits.

Will Make Short Trip.

Capt. Joseph Mesquita, who returned yesterday morning with the Francis P. Mesquita from an off-shore trip, will make a short trip next. Capt. Mesquita is one of the leaders in the celebration of Pentecost Sunday in the Church of Our Lady of Good Voyage here and will time his arrival here so that he can attend that celebration on June 30.

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WHERE ARE THE CLAMS?

Rhode Island's Famous Crop Is Threatened With Destruction.

The prophecy that there would be a clam famine on Narragansett bay this season was well founded. Hitherto large production beds are barren, no new sets were made, and partakers of "genuine Rhode Island clambakes" will during the coming summer feast on clams from the coast of Maine or Long Island. The manager of two of the largest resorts on the bay has already made a contract for Long Island clams, to run from May 1 to September 1, and it will keep two gangs of clambers busy day and night, as they must work when the tide is on the ebb.

Something must be done to restore the Narragansett bay clam beds, and a suggestion is made by Shellfish Commissioner Collins. "Investigation discloses that the principal reason why clam sets have failed in Narragansett bay," said Commissioner Collins, "is that the beaches are too hard. The spat is washed up on the beaches to be set by nature, but the sand and mud is so hard on the top that the spat cannot burrow. The ebb tide washes them off, and the crop is lost."

"I have suggested a plan for experimental work which I am sure will give valuable pointers to the restocking of the clam beds. I would take a strip of beach, plow it thoroughly at low tide and divide this into thirds. One section I would leave in the rough, the next I would rake over after a tide had washed up the clam spat, and a third I would plant with young clams which are winnowed early in the season by the full tide. I am confident that the first patch, left wholly to nature, would produce a great crop, and that the experiment would teach us that a little inexpensive ploughing each spring, just enough to give the spat a chance to set, that there need be no need of a clam famine in Rhode Island and dependence upon Maine and Connecticut for the supply of shellfish."

WEATHER BOTHERING SEINERS.

Many Vessels Now in Harbor Because of Prevailing Storm.

One Half of the Mackerel Fleet Still Located Out South.

The cold easterly storm, with high wind accompaniment which came on out south Thursday night has put an embargo on the operations of the mackerel fleet since that time and sent the vessels to harbor. Last night at Newport, it was still raining and the wind was blowing hard from the eastward, so there will be no chance to fish today.

Late yesterday afternoon, sch. Arthur James, Capt. Archibald Devine, which had been hanging out throughout the stormy day, sought Newport harbor, and brought with her 70 barrels of medium mackerel, caught before the storm came on. A few belated netters also came in.

Today no mackerel arrivals are reported at any port.

Netters at New York.

Sch. Hockomock, 300 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Gracie E. Freeman, 275 fresh mackerel (sent up by dory.)

Seiners at Newport.

Sch. Arthur James, Capt. Archibald Devine, 70 barrels of fresh medium mackerel.

Netters at Newport.

Sch. Jessie, 500 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Lewis Warren, 225 fresh mackerel.

Sloop Vesta, 700 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Gracie Smith, 800 fresh mackerel.

Sloop Helena, 150 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Uncle Sam, 150 fresh mackerel.

Schs. Rex, Terra Nova, Pinta and Diana harbored at Newport yesterday. They had no fish. These craft, with schs. Arthur James, Conqueror, Constellation, Monarch, Ariel, George Parker, Olga, Mary E. Harty, Pontiac, Clintonia, Fanny E. Prescott and Effie M. Prior and others are among the late stayers out south. Some of them will probably go to the Cape Shore first chance.

Fresh Mackerel Catch Ahead of Last Year.

It seems hard to realize that the mackerel fleet has landed more fresh fish than it did last year, up to this date, but such is actually the case. The balance in favor of the present season thus far is about 2200 barrels. Last year to date 5472 barrels had been landed, while the tally for this season, up to today, shows about 7600 barrels. The number of fish landed this season thus far is about 590,000.

Half of the Fleet Yet South.

It will be quite a surprise to many of the vessel owners to learn that over half of the seining fleet is still to the southward, but such is actually the case. A dispatch to the Times this morning from its Newport, R. I., correspondent states that 15 sail are harbored today at Block Island, while 20 more have their anchors down at Newport. A heavy northeast gale is still prevailing out there and it is no fish day today.

Cape Shore Mackerel Late.

This date, May 22, is generally, taking it year in and year out, the day when the first mackerel schools on the Cape Shore are seen and taken, but from present indications it will be later this season.

The traps on the Cape Shore have taken but few mackerel as yet, and none have been reported schooling.

Mackerel at Boston.

At Boston yesterday 1164 barrels of fresh mackerel were received from Newport, averaging 70 fish to the barrel. The fish sold at 13 cents each in Boston.

Sch. Lillian Stocked \$1387.

The netting sch. Lillian, Capt. Augustus Robishaw, which hailed for 6000 fish on her last trip in, counted out 8160 fish, which brought her \$1387. On her previous trip she stocked \$625, so now she is over \$2000 to the good.

Sch. Victor and Tartar of the seining fleet, were at Liverpool, N. S., on Wednesday.

The sloops Mystic Bell and Columbia, which have been fishing from Kittery, Me., are now fitting for south netting.

The catch of fresh mackerel by the New England fleet to date:

1909, 7580 barrels.
1908, 5472 barrels.
1907, 12,604 barrels.
1906, 8379 barrels.
1905, 13,729 barrels.
1904, 23,506 barrels.

The imports of salt mackerel at Boston to date for the past six years have been as follows:

1909—Catch of 1908, 43,875 barrels.
1908—Catch of 1907, 24,645 barrels.
1907—Catch of 1906, 41,849 barrels.
1906—Catch of 1905, 45,409 barrels.
1905—Catch of 1904, 30,322 barrels.
1904—Catch of 1903, 49,970 barrels.

The catch of salt mackerel by the New England fleet to date for the past six years has been:

1909, none.
1908, 47 barrels.
1907, 71 barrels.
1906, 329 barrels.
1905, 52 barrels.
1904, 111 barrels.

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PACIFIC CODFISH MARKET.

Reduction in Price Failed to Move Large Amount of Goods.

Regarding the condition of the salt codfish market on the Pacific coast, the following interviews with leading dealers there, and published in the Pacific Fisherman, are of considerable local interest:

The Robinson Fisheries Co. of Anacortes, Washington, says: "The codfish market at the present time is extremely dull, very little moving and about the same condition of affairs as prevailed last year, namely, low prices, and these low prices the result, as before, of dealers not sticking to a price that would enable them to enjoy a fair profit, and most of the goods that have gone into consumption has been at prices which cannot return actual cost to the producers. As is always the case in such instances, this has helped to reduce the trade in this commodity by failing to move as large an amount of codfish as had been looked for. Such a condition is disastrous to the trade, as from this time on it diminishes a great deal, and the fish deteriorates more or less, making it more difficult to sell the stocks on hand than when the fish are new and in constant demand."

C. P. Overton of the Union Fish Company of San Francisco, says: "Latest advices from our shore station at the Shumagin Islands indicate an almost complete failure of the winter fishing, and the season practically over. Our own catch and the fish purchased from the Pacific States Trading Company gives us stock enough to alone supply the entire requirements of this market until the arrival of the summer fishing fleet. There will, therefore, be no scarcity of codfish in this market. Trade is exceedingly dull and goods are moving off very slowly. A reduction in the price made a short time since failed to produce any extra demand for the goods."

"Some little anxiety has been felt by producers on this coast concerning the tariff on fish. During the present consideration of this question in the senate, a concerted effort has been made by a number of commission dealers and importers of codfish from Canada, Nova Scotia and Newfoundland to secure a reduction in the duties, they making the plea of 'cheap fish for the masses.' The producers of codfish interested in deep sea fisheries on both the Atlantic and Pacific coasts have hastened to urge their senators to protect the industry against the much cheaper labor of the northern provinces. The preservation of this industry is really dependent upon this protection, and means not only the producing of food by our own people, and distribution at American ports of the enormous sums of money expended in the maintenance of the industry, but it also means the training of a class of hardy sailormen, and the continuance of almost the last remaining branch of the American merchant marine."

Alfred Greenebaum, of the Alaska Codfish Company of San Francisco, says: "Latest mail advices are to the effect that there has been no improvement in the catch of the fishing stations, and as the season is about closing we do not look for more than about one-half of the usual production. Notwithstanding the shortness of the winter catch, with the carry-over from last season, it will be more than sufficient stock for trade supplies until the summer catches are delivered. The demand for codfish since the close of Lent is extremely small. It appears, however, that all lines of business are suffering from stagnation."

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FRESH FISH TRADE DULL.

Little Doing Either at This Port or Boston.

It is pretty light in the fish line at T wharf, Boston, today. There are only a half dozen small craft there with only 19,000 pounds between them. Prices are good, haddock bringing \$2.50 to \$2.75 at the opening, large cod \$2.50, market cod \$1.75 and hake \$1.50.

Since dark yesterday no vessels have arrived here. Yesterday noon sch. Pythian came in from a salt drift trip with 35,000 pounds of salt cod and in the afternoon sch. Miranda arrived from Bay of Islands, N. F., with 1048 barrels of salt barrelled herring, while right behind her and from the same place, came the British sch. Renown with 1100 barrels of the same kind of goods. Both cargoes are for the Gordon-Pew Fisheries Company.

There appears to be lots of men for all kinds of fishing at present. Awhile ago they were quite scarce.

Steam Trawler for British Columbia Fisheries.

Another steam trawler is to be brought to the British Columbia coast to engage in the halibut and other fisheries. Recent advices from Fleetwood, England, state that the steamer Kingsway has left that port for Vancouver.

This is the trawler recently purchased by the Pacific Coast Fisheries, Ltd., for use on the northern banks. The Kingsway was built at Fleetwood in 1906, and is 85 tons net. Her length is 125 feet 9 inches, beam 22 feet, 1 inch and depth 11 feet 6 inches, and she is equipped with triple expansion engines. Capt. Wilbur Johnson of Vancouver, who went to England to arrange the purchase, is bringing the steamer out and it is expected that she will arrive in 90 days.

On her arrival at Vancouver she will be drydocked and overhauled and equipped for trawling.

The Pacific Coast Fisheries Company is a British Columbia corporation, which has secured a site at Selwyn Inlet, Morseby Island, where a five-story building and cold storage plant are being erected, and the company will use trawlers for its operation. The work of the Kingsway will be watched with interest, for it has been maintained by some people that trawling cannot successfully be carried out on the Pacific coast. By the time the steamer arrives the cold storage plant will be completed, and the vessel will get to work immediately. Already a lot of the plant is on the ground, and additional machinery is being shipped right along. The Kingsway is a trawler of the very latest type, and is classed in Lloyd's as 100 A1.

Fishing Facts and Fancies.

The Mahone Bay, N. S., brigantine Maggie Belle has cleared for the south. She carries 300 packages of fish for Venezuela. This is a new market for Nova Scotia fish merchants. The extent of future shipment to that country will largely depend on the outcome of this experiment.

The Japanese Fishery Society proposes to build a model fishing boat. As the motor power boats introduced from Europe and America have not proved altogether successful in rough seas, the intention is to build a craft more adapted to the peculiar needs of the Japanese fishermen. It will be thirty-five tons, and will carry a 60-horse power engine. This will be the first new improved boat to be made in Japan, and will be used in bonito fishing.

The Bambridge Board of Guardians (Ireland) has passed a resolution, as had the Dingle Board of Guardians, calling for a revision of American tariffs in relation to Irish-cured mackerel. The motion also called on the Irish Board of Agriculture to co-operate with fish merchants to establish the sale of Irish-cured mackerel throughout Ireland.

Thirty voyages to the Grand Banks is the record of Capt. A. K. Matheson of Provincetown. The other day, in command of sch. American of Provincetown, he sailed on another trip.

A seaweed has invaded the oyster beds of France and carried off bodily 400,000 oysters. The minute seeds of this weed float up the English channel in the current of the gulf stream, settle on oysters in the Breton beds of Morbihan, Quiberon and Belle Isle, and grow to the size of a duck's egg. They are full of water, but at maturity the water evaporates and air takes its place. The egg-shaped seaweed is then a balloon, and like a balloon it lifts its oyster from the bottom and bears it out to sea.

William Tinker, a 14-year-old boy of Niantic, Conn. has caught a brook trout that weighed two pounds and two ounces.

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FISH RECEIPTS DURING APRIL.

Amounts Landed at This Port and Boston.

According to the figures of the United States Fish Commission, 65 fares, aggregating 1,734,237 pounds of fresh fish valued at \$40,035 and 172,691 pounds of salt fish valued at \$5772, a total of 1,915,928 pounds, valued at \$45,807, were landed at this port during the month of April, and 518 fares, aggregating 6,921,100 pounds of fresh fish valued at \$167,450, were landed at Boston for the same month.

The following tables show the amounts of the various kinds of fish and their values:

Gloucester.		
	Pounds.	Value.
Fresh cod,	383,267	\$5,827
Salt cod,	149,980	4,970
Fresh cusk,	245,390	3,682
Salt cusk,	1,525	36
Fresh haddock,	624,560	3,748
Salt haddock,	925	9
Fresh hake,	49,836	300
Salt hake,	6,910	69
Fresh pollock,	45,028	317
Salt pollock,	3,592	26
Fresh halibut,	395,156	26,151
Flitch halibut,	9,759	652
Total	1,915,928	\$45,807
Boston.		
	Pounds.	Value.
Fresh cod,	1,689,700	\$47,942
Fresh cusk,	289,000	4,288
Fresh haddock,	4,043,800	91,698
Fresh hake,	508,100	10,620
Fresh pollock,	273,200	4,926
Fresh halibut,	117,300	7,976
Total,	6,921,100	\$167,450

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Stole Flying Jib.

Two sailors belonging on the coasting schooner Savannah were arrested Thursday for stealing a brand new flying jib from the new fishing schooner Topsail Girl, lying at anchor off the marine railway at Portland harbor. The theft was the result of pure devilry, as the Savannah was booked to sail Thursday and the thieves brought their plunder aboard that vessel and had no chance to dispose of it, the stealing being done late Wednesday night.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Capt. Lovitt W. Hines has received a letter from Capt. Fred Morrissey of sch. Hazel R. Hines, stating that the vessel was at Magdalen Islands with about 200,000 pounds of salt cod. A fresh baiting was procured and the vessel proceeded to the grounds. She is expected to reach here towards the latter part of the month or early in June, with a full fare.

Salt Herring Cargoes.

The Newfoundland schs. Renown and LaFrance are bound here from Bay of Islands, N. F., with cargoes of barrelled salt herring.

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FISHERMEN IN JAPAN.

India is learning a lesson from Japan, where fish ekes out the agricultural situation. There, 10 per cent. of the population are engaged in the fisheries industry, as against one per cent. in India, where all the fishing is still done within six miles of the shore and in the most primitive manner.

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Today's Receipts.

Sch. Pythian, Rips, 35,000 lbs. salt cod.
Sch. Miranda, Bay of Islands, N. F., 1048 bbls. pickled herring.
Br. sch. Renown, Bay of Islands, N. F., 1100 bbls. pickled herring.
Sch. Helen B. Thomas, shore.
Sch. Leo, shore.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Edith Silveira, haddocking.
Sch. Mary A. Gleason, Rips.

Today's Fish Market.

Salt Georges cod, large, \$3.50 per cwt.; medium do., \$3; snapper do., \$1.75.

Bank halibut 8 1-2 cents per pound for white and 6 1-2 cents per pound for gray.

Salt pollock, \$1 per cwt.; salt haddock, \$1; salt hake, \$1.

Large "halibut" cod, salt, \$3 per cwt.; medium do., \$2.50; snapper do., \$1.50.

Large "Drift" Georges cod, salt, \$3.12 1-2 per cwt.; medium do., \$2.75; snapper do., \$1.75.

Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large, \$1.65 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.40; Eastern cod, large, \$1.55; medium do., \$1.30; cusk, \$1.50; for large, \$1.10 for medium and 50c for snappers; haddock, 60c; hake, 60c.

Trawl bank cod, large, \$2.75 per cwt., medium, \$2.50, snappers, \$1.50.

Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.

Round pollock, 50c per cwt.

PORT OF GLOUCESTER.

Arrived Today.

Sloop Mary A. White, Pigeon Cove for Boston.

Harbor Notes.

Sch. Regina is at Burnham's shears for a new mainmast.

Schs. Multnomah and Seaconnet are on Burnham's railways.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Capt. Colin C. Nickerson of sch. Norma will now fit that craft for a salt bank dory handline trip, giving up salt drifting. The craft will step a new mainmast before she starts.

Capt. Frank Viator is fitting sch. Hortense for haddocking.

Capt. William Doyle is fitting sch. James A. Garfield for pollock seining.

Sch. Miranda will fit for a salt bank dory handline trip under command of Capt. James McDonald, after discharging her cargo of salt herring.

Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Twenty-four, 1400 haddock.
Sch. Eighty-three, 1400 haddock, 300 cod.

Sch. Marion, 3000 cod.

Sch. Lena May, 2000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Almeida, 4000 haddock, 4000 cod.
Sch. Hattie F. Knowlton, 2000 haddock, 500 cod, 500 hake.

Haddock \$2.50 to \$2.75 per cwt.; large cod \$2.50; market cod, \$1.75; hake \$1.50.

Portland Arrivals.

Arrived Thursday:

Sloop Defender, 10,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Nova Scotia Fish Notes.

Fisheries Intelligence Bureau report for May 19:

Digby—Lobsters fair; cod, haddock and herring scarce.

Yarmouth—One trap reported few mackerel; other fish scarce.

Pubnico—Cod fair.

Sand Point—Cod and lobsters fair.

Liverpool—Cod and alewives plenty; haddock and lobsters fair; herring reported schooling off mouth of harbor; American seiners Tartar and Victor in port.

Lunenburg—Cod fair; lobsters scarce, one boat reported 100 bank herring; American banker Madonna in port.

Musquodoboit—Lobsters fair; cod scarce.

Salmon River—Lobsters and trout fair.

Isaacs Harbor—Cod and lobsters fair.

Port Malcolm—Lobsters fair; cod and herring scarce.

Whitehead—Haddock fair; cod, lobsters and herring scarce.

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St. Ann's—Herring plenty; lobsters scarce.

Ingonish—Lobsters fair.

Hawkesbury—Lobsters plenty.

Port Hood—Lobsters fair.

Lunenburg, C. B. Fishing Notes.

Sch. Electro is on the marine railway for repairs. Later she will fit for handline fishing.

Sch. Mizpah, Westhaver, is fitting for Labrador fishing.

Sch. Madonna, Capt. Selig of Gloucester arrived from Vogler's Cove Wednesday morning and cleared for the Grand Banks with 16 men.

Sch. Shannon Bell, cleared Wednesday for fishing at North Bay with 15 men.

Sch. Mizpah and Westhaver are fitting out for North Bay.

The Mahone Bay schooner Millie Louise, Wentzell, arrived there last week with 450 quintals of codfish caught on the Grand Banks.

Sch. Vandala is at the Atlantic Fish Companies discharging a cargo of fish.